

2015 Snipe District 2 Regatta Series

District 2 is a big district with fleets in Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado. To travel to a regatta often means you have a 12 hour drive in front of you. To encourage more participation in the regattas hosted by the many clubs around the district, District 2 started the Best Fleet Award. Five of the District 2 regattas were selected from May to September to be included in the series. Mary Buckley, of the Lincoln fleet, developed a scoring system to encourage boats to attend the regattas. Every boat that attended was able to earn points for their fleet, regardless of where they finished.

The 2015 regatta series attracted 47 skippers and over 60 crew members. The largest regatta was the Firewater in Lincoln with 20 boats and the average regatta attracted 15 boats. The Bow Mar Yacht Club, fleet 640, just managed to beat Dallas fleet number 1 for the Best Fleet Award. A summary of the results are below. The higher the fleet score, the better.

Regattas	Bow Mar	Dallas	Rky Mtn	INAS	Lincoln	Wichita	Windcrest	Houston
1. Southwestern	8	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Firewater	48	36	0	41	50	15	0	0
3. Norm Tanner	44	17	30	0	0	0	0	0
4. Rocky Mtn Champs	34	45	60	0	14	0	0	0
5. Missouri Valley Champs	15	17	7	55	26	0	0	0
Total	149	143	97	96	90	15	0	0

Since the Bow Mar Yacht Club won the Best Fleet Award for the first year, it was tasked to come up with a trophy. The trophy was designed by commodore Mike Slouka and built by Fantastic Sailing Trophies in Australia. The trophy has several boats on it to represent the fleet that helped win the award. The photos below show the trophy and some of the fleet members that participated in the win.



Bow Mar also decided to further encourage boats to participate in all the District 2 Series regattas, by awarding a trophy to the top skipper in the District 2 Series. Martin Bebb and Steve Tautz were the only skippers to make all five regattas this year. The hope is that next year there will be more incentive to go to all the regattas.

Place	Skipper	Southwestern	Firewater	Bow Mar	Rky Mnt	Missouri	Total
1	Steve Tautz	1	2	1	1	1	6
2	Martin Bebb	7	3	7	2	8	27
3	Gene Soltero	2	1	4	5	16	28
4	Pat Flood	9	4	15	18	3	49
5	Mike Slouka	9	6	10	8	16	49

The photo below shows the winning skipper trophy. The trophy has the District map with some of the more active fleets shown.



District 2 welcomes all sailors and is working to bring the Snipe sailing family together to build life time relationships. At the fleet level the sailing might not be so serious but we are having serious fun so come join us in 2016.